

THE  
DECLARATION  
Of the  
PRINCE  
ELECTOUR of *Brandenburgh.*

With the Grounds and Reasons of  
his marching with the Imperial and  
Polonian Armies into *Holsteyn*,  
for the Relief and Assistance  
of the KING of  
*DENMARK.*

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# DECLARATION

ПРИКАЗ

With the Guidance and Response of

the Holy Spirit, the Prelate of the

Archdiocese of Moscow and All Russia

and Hierarchs of the Russian Orthodox Church

to the Synod of the Patriarchate of

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With the Guidance and Response of the

Patriarchal Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church

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tumpropt[er] s[ecundu]m of ym[ini]lano<sup>2</sup> n[on] h[ab]et ab[us]o[rum] s[ecundu]m of  
**The Declaration of the Prince Elec-  
tor of Brandenburgh.**

WE Frederick Wilhelm by the Grace of God Mar-  
quesse of Brandenburgh, Arch-Chamberlain and  
Prince Elector of the Sacred Roman Empire,  
Duke of Magdenburgh, Prussia, Fulsers, Clove, Berg-  
hett, Stettin, Pomerania, Cassubians and Vandals; as also of  
Silesia, Crossen and Fagerndorf, Burgrave of Nurembergh,  
Duke of Halberstadt and Minden, Earl of March and Ra-  
venbergh, Lord of Ravensteyn; Do by these our Letters-  
Patent, make known to all and every to whom these pre-  
sents shall come; more especially to all and every the Sub-  
jects of the Dukedom of Holsteyn, and of the Duke-  
domes and Lands thereunto belonging, and bordering up-  
on the same, according to their several States and Qua-  
lities: That whereas the Illustrious Prince Frederick the  
third King of Denmark, Norway, of the Vandals and  
Gotks, Duke of Slevwick, Holsteyn, Stormarn and Dismar-  
chen, Earl of Oldenbourgh and Delmhorff, &c. Hath at large  
made known not only unto his Imperial Majesty, but also unto us;  
both by writing and verbally by several of his Ambas-  
sadors or Envoyes, the manner of proceeding of his Roy-  
al Majesty of Sweden, who notwithstanding that the War  
in the year last past commenced between the two Crowns  
of Denmark and Sweden, was in the Moneth of February  
last past, by the Interpolation of the King of France, and  
of the Protector of England, by Gods help and assistance  
surceased and ended by a stedfast and irrevocable Peace,  
which was not highly advantagious to Sweden, and all

things were performed, which on the Danish part were to be performed; and in Conformity to the Agreements and Pacification, that only the Places by them possessed, were evacuated and quitted, but also Schoonen, Bleykingen and other considerable Provinces, Forts and Places were surrendered unto the Swedes, and further in all particulars full satisfaction and consent was given to the Articles of Agreement. Inasmuch, that over and besides all the Premises, accommodation and concilction was made, even unto new and unreasonable pretences. Yet His said Swedish Majestie, not regarding on his part the matters above related, (amongst sundry other groundes and surued pretences,) hath not only from time to time refused to quit the Forts of *Fredericksdale*, and the Island of *Fyn*, and to dislodg his Forces out of *Denmark* and *Holsteyn*, as it was agreed upon by the Instrument of Peace, and hath al- so with his whole Army incessantly oppressed, and totally exhamited the Subjects of *Denmark*, but hath also, without any cause given, and without any precedent, do- mination or clarigation, with the greatest part of the Swe- dish Army, and with a Fleet of Ships assailed the same, ne the Island of *Zeland*, and hath already, for the space of six weeks, beleaguered the Royal Residence of *Cop- penhagen* and *Gronenburg* therein situate; and hath al- so attempted to surprize and take the Fortresses situate in the Dukedom of *Holsteyn*; and forasmuch as such his design succeeded not, He doth until this present keep them block- ed up, and hath moreover taken Prisoners, and evil entreated the King of *Denmarks* principal Ministers, and his Civil and Military Officers, who did remain in and upon their Offices and Estates without apprehension of any di- sturbance; and besides all that which is before expressed, doth with fire and flame destroy all that is in the Land, and therein proceedeth in a more then barbarous manner, such

as the like thereof hath never been heard of, or before this time practised amongst Christian Potentates: We being thereupon desired to joyn our Forces with those of His Imperial Majesty, and cordially to embrace this business, as concerning the welfare of the general or publique Cause, and the re-establishment of the Peace, and effectually to relieve His Royal Dignity in these undeserved hostilities and oppressions, without any loss of time.

And forasmuch as on the behalf of His above-mentioned Imperial Majesty, as being the Supreme Head and Defender of the Empire, and of the Provinces and Lands thereto belonging, such a Force is committed unto Us wherewithall to repulse such violent and oppressive attempts; and We are assured that His Imperial Majesty together with the whole Empire, with their united power will endeavour the same, and will contribute whatsoever may conduce and be advantageous for the repelling of this disastrous mischief, and for the preservation of a settled peace in the Empire. So it is that We also for so much as concerneth Us, could not any longer be spectators of these proceedings which are contrary to the Law of all Nations, and fore-runners of consequences so horrid and highly formidable; But forasmuch as the business cannot admit of the least protraction or delay, We have found our selves necessitated to the utmost of our power to maintain His above-mentioned Royal Majesty, as being a Prince, who is our neighbour and Ally, and whose Territories and Subjects being within the Verge of the sacred Roman Empire, are at present oppressed in such an injurious manner: And to that end to put in execution that which may tend to the Freedome and Deliverance of the same, as We have accordingly resolved, and are already engaged in the Expedition for Holsteyn to that purpose, with the Forces of His said Imperial Majesty and our own, and shall undertake whatsoever may tend to the preservation of

the oppressed, the suppressing of all hostile violence, and  
restoration of a settled and assured Peace.

And forasmuch as this Expedition is not intended for the burthening, or unjust oppression of any one, but is only undertaken to the end before expressed. So it is, That We do assuredly and indubiously hope and expect, That by the premises all persons whatsoever may sufficiently perceive the inevitable necessity and most weighty Motives which have enforced Us unto this March; and that in consideration thereof, they will not only acknowledge such our good intention, but will also to their uttermost power second, and as much as in them lieth, promote the reducing of peace and quietnesse; and especially, without any refusal, will according to their ability, supply whatsoever victuals and other necessaries shall be required for the subsistence of the Imperial, and of our own Armies, thereby to prevent all disorders and insolencies: And forasmuch as We are resolved generally to observe a good and strict Discipline, and not to permit any the least insolency of the Souldiery, but with due and effectual punishment to suppress all disorders; Therefore all persons whatsoever may quietly remain at home both in the Countrey and in the Cities, and there follow their trades and domestique occupations, resting assured that they shall therein be protected, and need not to fear any inconvenience or damage; and the like good order the Imperial Generals will also in all places observe and cause to be observed: And albeit there are some strangers of the Polish Nation who do accompany these Armies, yet there is no just occasion to be afraid of them; but all persons may rest assured, that on all parts a strict Discipline shall be observed, and that nothing besides necessary sustenance shall be required; nor shall the Souldiery by stealing, plundering, burning, or other miscarriages destructive to the Land, incommode or drive away any person from his own, but shall rather protect, and

in the best manner defend all persons from and against such outrages.

And as all persons whatsoever may rest confident hereof, We do also hope that in regard thereof, they will in all places duly behave themselves, and will without refusal permit a feee March and re-March in such manner as We shall find it expedient, and as it shall be ordained by the Generals and Officers, and as the occasion and reason of Warre shall require; and that they will not act any thing prejudicall to our Troopes or Forces, but rather will be affistant unto them, in all their Enterprises and Executions, with all necessary help and assistance; and in pursuance thereof, will demonstrate that they are concerned in the best manner to promote the publique Cause: But if any contrary to the premises, and beyond Our expectation, shall offer to make opposition against Us or Ours, he may impute unto himself alone, all such inconveniences and damages as thereupon shall or may accrue unto him. And according to the premises, all and every Person and Persons are to regulate themselves: And these Presents being Imprinted and the Copies thereof, shall be accounted of equall Validitude with the Originall.

Given at Wittenbergh, in the Duke-dome of Mecklenburg, the  $\frac{2}{7}$  of September, in the Year 1658.  
Signed *Frederich Wilhelm.*

*FINIS.*

Chances are Minnesaplay, in the Dope-comes-of-night  
competition, the % to 100 million, in the Year 1918.